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### **Man Charged with Theft, After Allegedly Taking Gasoline From Former Employer**

**St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands** – On May 15, 2023, the Economic Crimes Unit initiated an investigation into an Obtaining Money by False Pretense complaint. Their investigation revealed that Jason Phipps unlawfully obtained gasoline under the complainant’s account in the amount of \$1,517.66, knowing that he was no longer employed with the company. As a result, an arrest warrant was issued for Jason Phipps on August 10, 2023.

On September 6, 2023, at approximately 9:59 a.m., Jason Phipps surrendered himself at the Wilbur Francis Command Police Station, where he was placed under arrest and advised of his Miranda Rights, which he refused to sign and invoked his Fifth Amendment Rights. Jason Phipps, 47-years-old, was subsequently booked and charged with Obtaining Money by False Pretenses, and Grand Larceny.

Based on the incident, bail was set at \$20,000.00 for the alleged incident. Unable to post bail, Jason Phipps was remanded to the John A. Bell Adult Correction Facility pending his Advice of Rights Hearing scheduled for Friday, September 8, 2023, at the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.

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